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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/768,074

Attorney Docket No.: AUS0000614US1

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2003, attached is:

-- Amendment B Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Respectfully submitted,

Craig J. Yudell

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
**Robert Christopher Dixon**

Serial No.: 09/768,074

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: Multiple Fan Monitoring Circuit for  
Monitoring a Number of Fans Utilizing a  
Single Sense Input

§ Attorney Docket No. AUS0000614US1

§ Examiner: Carol S. Tsai

§ Art Unit: 2857

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AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 25, 2003. It is believed that no fee is required by this amendment; however, in the event any fee may become required to further the prosecution of this case, please charge such fee to IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 25, 2003. Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-20 are pending. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 14.